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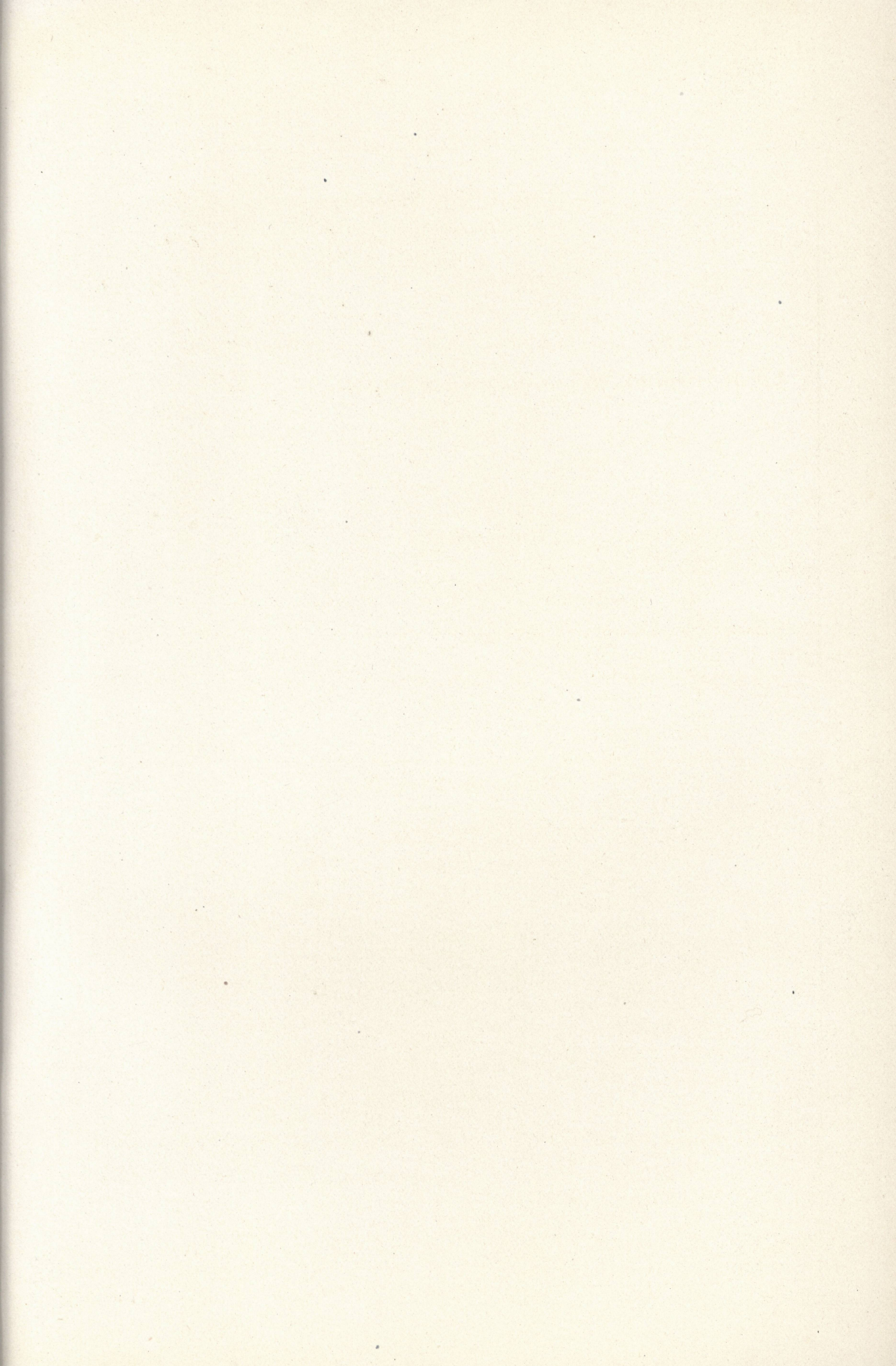
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Report of the Annual Meeting of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs

IF one questions the value of organized work among women, the problem must be forever settled by the reports of the annual meeting of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, held April 24th in the Cass Ave. Methodist Church.

The president, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, presided.

The reports of the various committees showed a fidelity and energetic service that was an inspiration. One after another, these details of work for others, with only the thought of service, thrilled the body of listeners, who were proud to be even a small part in so fine a whole.

The election of officers for a new year resulted in: Mrs. W. R. Alvord, president; Mrs. C. J. Wilson, first vice-president; Mrs. F. J. Ranney, second vice-president; Miss Sue Hoyt, recording secretary; Miss Hattie Elliott, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. Finn, financial secretary; Mrs. Levi Eaton, treasurer.

A beautiful spirit of harmony showed itself in the election. No vestige of wire-pulling—only the good of the entire Federation, as the great concern.

The president announced that a decision had been reached in the matter of the property of a woman's building, controlled by the Federation of Clubs, and made possible by the generosity of Mr. John Dodge. The building, hereafter to be the home of the Federation, had been purchased by Mr. Dodge and was being made ready for the opening in the fall. Great applause greeted this announcement, and an onlooker thought

what a proud moment it must be for the woman who had so splendidly served her organization that her work had impressed a hard-headed business man, and made him conscious of the dynamic power of this faithful body of earnest women. Very simply and briefly she made the announcement, and her very simplicity said more than many words.

After the reports and elections, the Federation and its guests adjourned for luncheon, always a successful and delightful feature of the all day sessions of this organization.

The afternoon was filled with reports from standing committees; a plea from Miss Cleveland for the Social Centers and Continuation School; Mrs. Ashbaugh's farewell to the Federation, and the greeting of the new president, Mrs. Alvord.

Miss Cleveland talked with her usual forceful and sincere appeal. She drove her message home so directly that the Federation voted her \$50 for part of the salary of an expert investigator among girls. This had seemed to Miss Cleveland a necessity for another year. Miss Cleveland cordially thanked the Federation for aid and sympathy in her efforts to uplift working girls.

The work of the organ of the Federation, *THE CLUB WOMAN*, was recognized from the floor and a vote of thanks and appreciation given Mrs. Ashbaugh for her untiring service as editor. The financial report of the magazine was most satisfactory.

When the work of the annual meeting was over and only the good-byes and welcomes remained, the president warmly praised her assistants during her two years of ser-

vice. Beautifully she waved aside any sense of her own work, and "rendered unto Caesar," "all things that were good, all things that were true."

No more earnest and generous words could have been spoken, and the audience answered her with a wave of appreciation. It was a wonderful exhibition of women serving women and in that, having complete understanding. To be a club woman was

a thing of honor, at that moment, for it was humanity and not self that the Federation stood for.

Mrs. Ashbaugh closed by calling the new president to the platform, and the Federation heard from her a greeting that held the splendid spirit of the day.

With a new club house and earnest effort, high ideals and unselfish traditions, who shall limit the work of the year to come.

Financial Statement of Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs 1913-14

During the club year just closed the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs has been interested in many activities other than those which might properly seem its regular scope of work, but which have a direct and tangible bearing upon welfare work in its several phases. The Endowment Fund of the General Federation has received the largest sum of money—two checks, one of \$25.00 and one of \$50.00, having been sent to the Field Secretary, Mrs. Florence G. Mills. This \$75.00, together with the amount contributed at the annual meeting, \$25.32, makes \$100.32 going directly from the Detroit Federation.

The benevolences of the year just closing are as follows:

General Federation Endowment Fund	\$100.32
Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Fund	25.00
Hindman Settlement School of Kentucky	25.00
Detroit Tuberculosis Sanitorium.....	25.00
Grindly Settlement House Playground	50.00
Continuation School Investigator.....	50.00
Memorial to Miss Goldman, United Jewish Charities	25.00
Detroit Public Health League.....	10.00
Total	\$310.32

In addition to these sums of money and to those used for ordinary routine work, the Department of Free Lectures has expended \$165.00, representing the total used for placing 60 lectures; the Department of Child Welfare \$20.00 for a lecture by Miss Annie Louise Strong. The Child Welfare Committee received contributions of \$160.00 and earned \$50.00 by advertising obtained for its Child Welfare exhibit, given in April, 1913, which it has used this year for the Grindly Settlement House work. The Department of Conservation for lectures and its bird reserve on Belle Isle, \$60.00 in addition to the amount of \$228.00 receipts from the Conservation card party.

The Junior Civic League Committee, which was begun two years ago, was supplied with so many pledge cards and buttons at that time that it has not been necessary to order again, and its members have contributed various sums of money in addition to the approximately \$200.00 taken from the treasury to carry on the work since its beginning. As the work this year has been confined to a large and successful parade in connection with and assisted by the Public Health League, it has not been necessary to advance further sums to promote the work. Many of the departments have not asked for money, the work being largely educational.

The amounts used by the departments are as follows:

Free Lectures	\$165.00
Conservation	288.00
Child Welfare, for Child Welfare	
Exhibit and other work.....	242.41
Public Health	20.00
Civic	9.50

During the year \$400.00 has been paid by the business manager of THE CLUB WOMAN to the treasurer of the Federation. The report of the business manager for the year

is necessarily incomplete, as the magazine year is from October to October, the publication being from October to June. The report shows receipts of \$2,970.76, disbursements \$1,039.43, leaving a balance to the credit of THE CLUB WOMAN of \$1,931.33. This sum, in addition to the balance of about \$200.00 reported at the May board meeting by the treasurer, gives a total balance of about \$2,200.00 for the coming year's work.

DELPHINE D. ASHBAUGH,
Retiring President.

THE SERVANT

SAMUEL T. KIDDER

HE who will serve is a servant,
Yea a servant of high degree,
For he stands by highest or lowliest
With eyes clear-visioned to see.

He who will serve is a brother,
In the brotherhood, warm and brave,
That is broad as the race and as tender
As the Brother who came to save.

He who will serve is a lover;
All service were else in vain.
From a heart that makes all the world
sweeter,
He labors more lovers to gain.

He who will serve is a teacher;
For many shall learn at his feet
The art of all arts the noblest,
Of turning life's bitter to sweet,—

The truth of all truths the deepest,
Whose knowing must make men free,—
The skill of all skills the finest,
Of training to do and to be.

He who will serve shall be master,
Ruling and serving in one,
Till multitudes league with the leader
And the undone work can be done.

Report of Child Welfare Department

By LUZETTE PICKELL, Chairman

THE Child Welfare Department was a new one created at the beginning of the present administration, and it is fitting, perhaps, at this time, when the work is to pass from the hands of the first chairman, that a brief resumé of what has been accomplished during the past two years be given. Necessarily, when a department is new, it has not as many members as those of many years' standing and is unable to undertake as much work as it can when it has established a definite place for itself. But with the splendid support and assistance of the Federation, individually and collectively, some material evidence of the existence of the department has been given to the community.

The early part of the first year was used to assist the work of the then existing Children's Bureau of the Associated Charities of Detroit, particularly in creating an interest on the part of the club women in the various bills before the legislature, which the bureau endorsed as pertaining to the welfare of children. Particularly was the department active in the interests of the street trades bill, introduced by Senator Murtha, which was to regulate the age at which boys and girls might engage in the various street trades, such as boot-blackening, selling fruit and peddling newspapers and magazines.

The rest of the year was occupied in preparing and presenting to the city of Detroit its first Child Welfare Exhibit. True, it was only a small exhibit, as it was a new idea and could only be in proportion to the local interest and the resultant funds. However, we firmly believe that the returns on every dollar and on every ounce of energy expended were in proportion to those that have resulted from the larger exhibits held in other cities.

The exhibit was held in splendid rooms donated for the purpose by the Young Men's Christian Association, and was of three days' duration. Lectures were given afternoons and evenings on various subjects relating to child welfare, and on two occasions were illustrated by stereopticon views from the

Chicago exhibit. Some of the subjects of the lectures were the work of the Continuation Schools, the Babies' Milk Fund, the work of the Public Schools among the Blind Children, the Associated Charities as a factor in Child Welfare, the Divorce problem from the child's point of view, and the work of the National Child Labor Committee. This last subject was splendidly presented by the National Secretary, Owen R. Lovejoy.

The exhibit consisted of screens portraying child labor and work that was being done along lines of child welfare in New York City, augmented by local exhibits in the interests of child welfare placed by the Detroit Public Schools, the Public Library, the Free Press Fresh Air Fund, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Babies' Milk Fund, the Children's Bureau, the Continuation Schools, and many others.

It was decided at the first board meeting of the present year to hold another and much larger exhibit this year. Accordingly, Anna Louise Strong, Director of Exhibits of the National Child Welfare Exhibition Committee, was invited to address the November meeting of the Federation and a number of our prominent business men, together with representatives of the various Child Welfare organizations, were invited to attend. As time progressed, however, it became apparent that it was not an opportune time for obtaining funds sufficient to successfully carry out the plans, and it was decided to wait until another year.

In October of the second year of the department's existence, Miss Eve Newman, financial secretary of the Settlement School at Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky, was advised by Mrs. Ashbaugh to communicate with the Child Welfare Department. She did so and told such a fascinating story of the wonderful work the school was doing in the mountains that permission to speak at the November meeting of the Federation was secured for her. Because of a physical breakdown, Miss Helen Rue was sent in her place.

She was in the city four days and spoke seven or eight times. The work was so interesting and appealing that she was requested to return in the near future. Therefore she came again in February accompanied by Miss Ruth Huntington, one of the committee in charge at the School, both being entertained at the home of the chairman. They remained two weeks and spoke about twenty-five times before various churches, clubs and organizations. Also the department disposed of fifty dollars' worth of calendars and about the same amount in baskets. The exact amount donated by the various clubs is not known as yet, but it is more than one hundred dollars, in addition to the calendar and basket money, the Federation itself giving \$25.00. The money for the baskets does not in any way benefit the school but the collection and sale of them is part of the Settlement Work which the School is doing, and many a mountain woman is thus able to earn the first bit of money she has ever had for her very own, and with which she can procure some longed-for treasure. We trust that the work done and the friends gained by their coming among us will be permanent and that another year you will be prepared to make a place for them in your benevolences.

Just at present the department is engaged in establishing a playground in the Hungarian settlement in West Detroit. For the past ten years Miss Sara Grindley has given unreservedly of her time and means and strength toward the establishment of continuous settlement work in that district entirely surrounded and shut off by railroads and containing about three hundred little children. She has now built a mission, where the children attend Sunday School and where on Saturdays they have classes in sewing, cooking and manual training.

Our president, Mrs. Ashbaugh, became acquainted with the work during the winter and being greatly interested in its possibilities, purchased an adjoining piece of property and presented it for a playground. So they now have a plot about 70' x 100', with the mission house at the corner of Graham and Du Ponte streets. At the April Board meeting, it was voted that fifty dollars be given to develop this playground. Mrs. Ashbaugh has given another fifty dollars, and with this amount we are going to place a fence around the property, divide a portion

of it into little plots a few feet square, where the children may make gardens. We are going to provide apparatus for the other portion and make it a playground, where the children can meet and be happy. The members of the department are planning to give some of their spare time to supervising the planting of the gardens and setting up the apparatus. We also plan to secure a kindergarten teacher, if possible, so that the mission house can be open during the week. If any of the members of the Federation are interested in this work and wish to make a contribution either of funds or service, the department would be only too happy to share its privilege with you.

For the past three years in Detroit, classes have been held in the Cass Technical High School, which working girls who have been obliged to leave school at an early age, might attend half a day each week. Arrangements are made with their employers so that there will be no financial loss connected with this benefit. These are called Continuation Schools. The work has been under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Cleveland, who is well fitted for the position and all its splendid possibilities. She brings to the girls not only capability and cleverness to aid in developing their minds and fitting them for a larger sphere in life, but also a heart full of love for them and an interest in their everyday affairs. She knows, as she related at the Annual Federation meeting, that much can be done towards keeping these girls in the way they should go and helping them become good women. This is to be accomplished by keeping in touch with their home lives, and the various teachers have been endeavoring to do this outside of school hours. Some volunteers were also secured among the members of the Child Labor Committee of the Twentieth Century Club.

It is very evident that little can be accomplished by such methods, and the only satisfactory way is to engage a trained supervisor who devotes all her time to this work. In response to Miss Cleveland's appeal for assistance in securing such a supervisor, fifty dollars was appropriated from the Federation treasury for the purpose. This sum has been increased very materially by our president, Mrs. Ashbaugh, and it is hoped that an amount sufficient to maintain this position for at least one quarter may be obtained.

At the expiration of that time, the benefit of the undertaking will have been amply demonstrated, and it is hoped that the Board of Education can be induced to include such an item in its budget. This work, which will be fully developed during the coming year, will be one of the large undertakings accomplished by the Child Welfare Committee.

We take this opportunity to thank you again for your loyal support which the department has received during the past two years. The work has been spreading quietly and slowly, but surely, and time alone can tell how great has been your influence or how large a reward and blessing you will reap from this work which you have undertaken.

Report of Conservation Department 1912-14

By ESTELLE W. SNELL, Chairman

The Conservation Committee of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs began its first year's work by using Mary Hueston Gregory's "Checking the Waste" as a text book for study.

Meetings were held the first and third Fridays of each month. The various members of the committee acted as hostesses and many pleasant mornings were enjoyed. Mr. Jefferson Butler and Mrs. John Donaldson gave most interesting addresses upon the Michigan Birds and Bird Migration laws. Mrs. Nelson K. Standart rendered several very delightful "Bird Songs." A Round Table proved of great educational value. Each member brought news clippings bearing upon subjects under discussion, which proved a very effective means of handling current events pertaining to Conservation and Audubon subjects.

The social life was not neglected. A banquet of the Conservation Committee was held at the Fellowcraft Club, at which a most delightful time was enjoyed. The toasts were very happily delivered and served as a foundation for most enthusiastic work for the year following. In July the committee were asked to join with the Detroit Parliamentary Law Club in a picnic at the Automobile Club at Pine Lake, and many of the members availed themselves of this "country opportunity."

In October, 1913, the committee reconvened. Many of the clubs appointed new representatives as members and by unanimous vote the ladies in 1912 were asked to retain

membership as well, so that in 1913-1914 our committee was composed of a large number of women who were very much interested in the subject of Conservation.

It was decided to make the Audubon work most prominent during this year. Much literature was obtained from our senators and representatives in Congress, who also sent us copies of many bills which affected water and waterways as well as bird life. Mrs. Williston, a member of National Harbors and Rivers Congress, gave an interesting paper on the new land bill. Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, president of the Federation, gave a delightful talk on the National Conservation Congress, held in Washington in November. Miss Hattie M. Carstens, president of the Twentieth Century Club, spoke on the subject of Forestry in a comprehensive address.

One of our gala meetings was conducted by Mrs. Munger, of Hart, who succeeded to the presidency of the State Audubon Society upon the death of Mr. Jefferson Butler. The lecture was most beautifully illustrated by showing about one hundred slides. Bird life was presented and the various Michigan birds shown by the aid of these handsomely colored plates. The lecture was most educational and entertaining, and the speaker deserved a great deal of credit for ability shown in handling her subject.

Mr. Junius Beal, chairman of The Public Domain Commission, proved a very able speaker and told of the practical conservation work that Michigan is doing, showing her leadership in Conservation Work, Re-

forestration, Nurseries, etc. Mr. Beal offers to mail literature to any of the clubs that may be interested in the public domain work.

Miss Sylvia Allen, a member of the State Conservation Committee, gave the work as outlined by State Chairman Mrs. Mautner, as well as a talk on Acorn and Pine lands.

A luncheon was given by the Executive Committee at the Hotel Cadillac, the guests being Mrs. Munger, Mrs. Ashbaugh and Mrs. Lawrence W. Snell.

To do practical work funds were needed, and a card party was held. A fund of \$228 was raised, and has been expended by the Conservation Committee in its work. Prizes were given to the Newsboys Association for the best essay on bird life, and also for the best bird houses built by them.

A bird reservation is being established on the Island and over 200 houses are being erected, the Conservation Committee being greatly assisted by Commissioner Dust, of the Parks and Boulevards Department.

Many of the houses were purchased from the boys of the Manual Training School, and about twenty were donated by them. The work has been a very successful one in an educational way, as many of the boys in the various homes are establishing bird houses in their own yards.

When visiting the Island be sure and look for the Bird Reserve established by the Conservation Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs, April, 1914.

Plans for the celebration of Arbor and Bird Day were developed by the committee, who appointed Mrs. David Thompson, the general chairman of the sub-committee having the celebration in charge.

Groups of trees, with appropriate ceremonies, were planted in twenty-seven school yards, the trees—200 hard maples—being furnished to the committee by the Michigan Agricultural College.

In addition to all this, Mrs. Ashbaugh secured from Mr. Fenkel, the Commissioner of Public Works, the instruction to all his inspectors that everywhere in the city alley trees should be safeguarded when the alleys are paved.

The committee feels that it has just closed a successful two years of labor, both from the educational and practical standpoint, with its many lectures and the foundation of a large bird reserve laid with the 200 bird houses erected and the planting of two hundred trees, to bring comfort to future generations.

Report of Civic Department

By BLANCHE D. BROWNLEE, Chairman

THE Civic Department of the Federation has, during the past two years, very largely concentrated its efforts upon the betterment of conditions surrounding women wage-earners in Detroit's stores and factories. In co-operation with the Retail Merchants' Bureau of the Board of Commerce an energetic and apparently successful campaign has been waged for the closing of downtown stores at 6 p. m. on Saturdays and the elimination of Saturday night shopping. The great majority of the more important stores are now closed every evening and Detroit has ceased to be known as a town that does a large part of its trading after dark on the last day of the week. For some years ours was the only city of its size in the country

that had established neither the Saturday half-holiday nor the Saturday night closing.

The most important result of the movement, however, is the releasing from Saturday night toil some six thousand retail clerks. The good effect upon the health and morals of the women workers is too obvious to require more than mention here.

Many employers of labor have greatly assisted the cause by changing their pay day from Saturday to some other day of the week.

These results were not accomplished without much careful planning and a great deal of hard work. First, the situation in other large cities was ascertained through correspondence with public officials. Then letters were sent to all Detroit retail merchants

and these were followed up by personal calls. The aid of press and clergy was enlisted and all the women's clubs in the city, besides many other organizations, were informed of the progress of the movement and urged to lend it their support. In all, hundreds of letters were written and scores of personal visits made.

It must be admitted that, in spite of the good results obtained, some apprehension is felt that the Saturday-evening closing may not be permanently established. There is some complaint of loss of business by stores that have joined the movement, due to the fact that many small stores and a few of the larger ones are still open, and the merchants have issued a letter to their employes urging them to work among their friends and neighbors. The people are being asked to refrain entirely from Saturday-night shopping, thus encouraging the stores that have agreed to close. Pledge cards are being circulated and other means being used to safeguard what has been gained. There is real danger of backsliding and we most earnestly urge all club women to assist in this work by personal action and by influencing others. It would be a great pity and, indeed, a reflection upon us as club women, if this movement, after making such splendid progress, were to fail at the end.

With a view to encouraging greater thrift among wage-earners of both sexes, the Department has asked the savings banks in the Detroit district to change their rule regarding interest on deposits. It has been customary to allow interest from the first of

the month upon money deposited on any day up to and including the fifth. The banks were asked to substitute "sixth" for "fifth," because very many large employers pay on the fifth and the workers do not receive the money in time to deposit it on that day. There is thus no inducement to bank the money until the first of the next month. The result is that much cash that might be saved is frittered away. Two banks have already made the change and others are considering it.

The need of a matron in every large establishment employing women has engaged the attention of the Department and letters have been sent to all large employers inviting an expression of their views. Matrons are already employed in many cases, and in others the matter is under consideration. However, only a good beginning has so far been made in this matter.

The subject of rest rooms for women workers in stores and factories has been given attention, as has also that of improved ventilation in working quarters.

With the aid of the Michigan state department of labor, additional stools for clerks have been placed in many stores that were not fully complying with the law.

The spirit of progress along altruistic lines is moving forward everywhere in the land and it is a source of great satisfaction to club women that they are marching with the vanguard. Much good work has been done but more and greater things yet remain to be accomplished.

Report of Free Lecture Department

By ESTELLE TUFFORD, Chairman

YOUR chairman of the Free Lecture Department reports sixty entertainments, consisting of musicales, lectures and dramatic recitals, given from October, 1913, to May, 1914, in the following schools of the city:

Bishop, Campbell, Houghton, Cass, Capron, Eastern High, Greusel, Newberry, Pingree, Hancock, Fairbanks, and the Y. W. C. A.

That the entertainments were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated is seen from the fact that they were well attended by the people of the neighboring vicinities, the attendance ranging from one hundred to three hundred and fifty.

Among the lectures and lecturers especially well received were Mrs. Jennie Law Hardy, on "Community Interests;" Mrs. M. B. Ferry, of Lansing, on "Historical Michigan;"

Jefferson Butler, on "Birds;" Mrs. W. N. McLellan, on "Irish Poetry and Song, and Stories of Mt. Vernon;" Mrs. Herbert Rooksby, on "The Philippines;" Dr. Leland, on "The Care of the Teeth;" Dr. Kress, on "The Evil Effects of the Cigarette;" Rev. MacDonald, on "Scotland and Her Poets;" Mr. Markus, on "Germany and Her Folk Songs;" Judge Donovan, on "Things Worth While;" Rabbi Hirschman, and several illustrated patriotic lectures on "Our Flag," by Mesdames Stoddard, Finney, McLennan, Doty and Knight.

Among the readers who have given us especially enjoyable evenings are Mrs. L. B. Rodda, Miss Axford, Mrs. W. J. Black, Miss Nesbit, Miss Sanders and Miss Smith.

Vocalists—The Misses Torrey, Hartman, Visger, Harell, Blaney, Edsill, Mulliman, Mesdames Stone, Chase, Sellars, and Messrs. Jehily, Nichols.

Piano—Misses Andrees, Sullivan, Sincok, Hartman, Love, Dwyer and Bisung.

Cello—Mr. Wm. Stone.

Among the chaperons who so kindly assisted are Mesdames W. N. McLennan, Stephen Knight, Geo. Caron, R. E. Page, Stoddard, E. M. Raynale, W. Doty, Finney and Misses Helen Hatch, Maud Priest, McGregor and Elizabeth Cleveland.

To these and to all who have so kindly and generously contributed their talent and services, we would voice our hearty and sincere thanks for their invaluable aid and the interest they have manifested in the success of the Free Lecture Work.

This year we have deviated somewhat from the custom heretofore, and placed most of the entertainments at the schools used as social centers believing that in co-operating with them, our work would be much more effective.

Entertainments have been given at the Campbell, Bishop, and Houghton Social Centers nearly every week from Oct. to May.

It is a deplorable fact that the Board of Estimates decided to discontinue the Social Centers and we believe much harm has been done our young people thereby.

Several of our members with the president, Mrs. Ashbaugh, attended the committee meetings of the Board, speaking in their behalf, and resolutions were sent from this department urging the committee to allow the appropriation required for their continuance,

but of no avail. It is essential, of course, that public money should not be misused, but it seems at times as though through fear of wasting it, we waste more valuable things.

Even if a Social Center costs more than a juvenile court or a bathhouse and gymnasium, more than a dispensary, would not the saving in character and health show a balance on the credit side?

"Side by side with the dawning consciousness that the school must prepare children for their place in the work of the future, has come the conviction that it must also be the place for wholesome human intercourse. Many homes are unable to furnish the environment necessary and which every child ought to have. The logical agency to furnish it then must be the state's socializing agency, the public school, as one of the most socializing of activities." The ordinary homes of our working people are not suitable for the young people of the family to entertain their friends. If the daughter of a household wishes to see her men friends, then since the children are in bed and the father is tired, she must go to the park, five cent theater or public dance hall. The boys, what do some of them do with their evenings? Go down your local Bowery and see.

Until recently, play has been left out of the school curriculum of this country. The records of our juvenile courts demonstrate the necessity of children being taught to play as a vital part of education. Investigations recently conducted in several large cities in order to find out how boys and girls spent their leisure time, showed that half of those interviewed did nothing after school hours, while seventy per cent. of them were on the street.

The movement to make of the schools common meeting places for residents of the neighborhood has received powerful local and state backing in several widely separated parts of the country. In New York City, where school buildings were opened to boys and girls as early as 1897, it has been assisted by the People's Institute, that remarkable organization which has made of Cooper Union an internationally famous Social Center for one of the most densely populated manufacturing districts in the world. In Wisconsin the State Department of Education and the State University are co-operating in the popularization of the use of

public schools and other public buildings for community purposes. A five months' course program of weekly meetings upon local and public affairs, with entertainment features, has been prepared and is widely used throughout the State.

This age of industrialism and commercialism has gathered together multitudes of young people from all quarters of the earth, as a labor supply for the countless factories and workshops upon which the present industrial city is based. Never before in civilization have such numbers of young people been suddenly released from the protection of the home and be permitted to walk unattended upon city streets and to work under alien roofs. Society seems to care more for the products they manufacture than for the welfare of their existence. Perhaps never before have the pleasures of the young and the mature become so definitely separated as in the modern city. The public dance halls are but a sorry substitute for the old dances on the village green in which all of the older of the people participated. Chaperonage was not then a social duty but natural and inevitable. The only marvel is that the stupid attempt to put the fine old wine of traditional country life into the new bottles of the modern town, does not lend to disaster oftener than it does and that the wine so long remains pure and sparkling. Let us know the modern city in its weakness and wickedness and then seek to rectify and purify it until it shall be free from the grosser temptations which now beset the young people.

The experiment of organizing work and failing to organize play has, of course, brought about a fine revenge.

Quite as one set of men has organized young people into industrial enterprises, in order to profit from their toil, so another set has entered the neglected field of recreation and organized enterprises which make profit out of this invincible love of pleasure.

Apparently they see in them only two possibilities, both of them commercial—first, a chance to utilize by day their labor power and in the evening to extract from them their petty wages by pandering to their love of pleasure.

The love of pleasure will not be denied and when it has turned into all sorts of malignant and vicious appetites, then we grow quite distracted and spend our time and money in all sorts of restrictive measures, but almost worse than the restrictive measures is our apparent belief that the city itself has no obligation in the matter and turns over to commercialism, practically all the provisions for public recreation.

Our young people who are living in its tenement houses and working in its factories are most of them of good intentions and only need a guiding hand.

What a grand work and an unlimited field for the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs. What has each club to offer? What has each individual member of all the clubs to offer? With a tenacity of purpose and a united effort what might we not accomplish?

Total cost of lecture work for the year, from Oct., 1913, to May, 1914, \$164.43 or an average of \$2.74 per lecture.

Report of the Social Committee

THERE have been three meetings of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs for the season of 1913-14, in the Cass Avenue M. E. Church.

At the November meeting thirty-four clubs were represented, 21 Presidents, 49 Delegates, 6 Chairmen of Committees and 7 Officers of the Federation making the voting

body number 83. At the meeting of January 30th, there were thirty-two clubs represented, 26 Presidents, 37 Delegates, 16 Chairmen of committees, 5 Officers of the Federation, making the voting body 84.

The last meeting was held on the 24th of May, 40 clubs were represented, 35 Presidents, 63 Delegates, 7 Chairmen of commit-

tees and 6 Officers of the Federation. Total voting body 111.

The Annual Luncheon was held at the Cadillac Hotel on Saturday, February twenty-first, 1914. This is our one play day of the year and although it came at the close of an unusually busy week in club and social circles a large number of women were in attendance.

The dining room was decorated with the National colors, in honor of Washington's birthday, and the speakers' table held large baskets of red and white flowers. An orchestra played from the balcony throughout the luncheon, adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

After the luncheon a delightful program was given consisting of music and readings—Mrs. Maurice MacFarlane, vocalist, and Mrs. Laura Horrigan Williams, reader.

The President, Mrs. R. H. Ashbaugh, in a very charming and gracious manner presented the guest of honor, Mrs. Frances C. Boynton, who was the first President of the Federation, with a basket of spring flowers.

Then came the surprise of the day for our beloved president as Mrs. Boynton, after thanking her for the flowers, presented her a beautiful ivory and gold gavel, as a token of love and appreciation from the members of the Executive Board, also a large basket of flowers, and hidden among the blossoms were the cards of the members bearing many messages of love and good will.

Mrs. Boynton spoke of her pleasure at being chosen to present to Mrs. Ashbaugh the greetings of the Federation and to speak of the valuable service rendered by her in all its departments. Continuing Mrs. Boynton said:

"The growth of this body, its wide influence, its far reaching results and the good it has fostered and developed in the community has been phenomenal. Here to this larger body have come the smaller clubs to help develop a far reaching influence and a spirit of interest in all that goes to develop the loyal citizen in this our beautiful City of the

Straits. It has had only the highest ideals, and under your leadership it has brought about a new Civic pride, a desire to know the needs of the city and to help to make it a place of progress, a city where truth and honor prevail, where wrongs can be righted and where justice can be obtained.

"So it is fitting that after your two years of service, some tangible object should be presented to you as a token of the esteem in which each member of the Federation holds you.

"This gavel, which I am so happy to have pass from my hands to yours, is the symbol of office. It is like the King's sceptre a badge of his high estate and in the hands that wield it, it becomes a thing of power. It is, of itself, though fashioned of the most costly material only an inert thing, but in the hand of a wise and able ruler it becomes mighty.

"It is fashioned of ivory, a material that has been used through the ages to adorn temples and shrines, to be carved into exquisite forms and to enhance the skill of the miniature painter. It is adorned with gold, a substance that is used to hold the most precious gems. It is, in itself a thing of beauty and artistic workmanship, and was sought for in a distant city because none but the best could convey the love and devotion of your board and the several clubs to their presiding officer.

"In presenting it to you I want to convey with it their sentiments of affection and their admiration for your executive ability and the many other qualities that have made your Presidency such a success."

Altogether your chairman feels that the Federation luncheon of 1914 was one of our very happiest play days, and she wishes to thank the Executive Board through the columns of our splendid magazine for their hearty co-operation, and also extends to the members of her committee sincere thanks for their able assistance and many kindnesses which made her work a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH BULLARD, *Chairman.*

Report of Recording Secretary

Your Recording Secretary begs leave to submit the following annual report:

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs has held three regular meetings, eight regular board meetings and three executive board meetings. The regular meetings were held in the Cass Ave. M. E. Church, the board meetings at the College Club, 401 Woodward Ave., and two executive board meetings were held at the home of Mrs. Ashbaugh, 43 Boston Boulevard and one at the Detroit Public Library.

The average attendance at the board meetings was 31 members and 10 committee chairmen.

The honor of attending every board meeting belongs to the President, Mrs. Ashbaugh; the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ainsworth; the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hoyt; the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Miller and to the President of the Detroit New Century Club, Mrs. Alvord, and the President of the Detroit Woman's Club, Mrs. Dickinson, and her successor, Mrs. Case.

One club has disbanded—The Detroit Equal Suffrage Club, two clubs resigned—The Wednesday History and The Ladies' Literary Club of Mt. Clemens, three clubs have been admitted to membership—The Parliamentary Drill Club, Business Woman's Club and the Circle Dramatique, making a total membership of fifty-one (51) clubs—45 in Detroit and 6 suburban—at the close of the fiscal year March 31st, 1914.

Warrants have been drawn upon the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,082.03.

Three beautiful Lenten Recitals were given by Miss Maude Willis in the Auditorium of The Century Building the last three Monday mornings in March. Mrs. William Grant Brown of New York City addressed the Federation March 31st in the auditorium of the Board of Commerce on Rescue Work for girls as carried on by the Salvation Army.

Great interest was taken in organizing an auxiliary to the local army to help with this work. A Federation Day was held December 29th, 1913, at the Broadway Theatre to witness films shown by Judge Brown of Salt Lake City, after which he addressed the Federation on the work of the Parental Court.

The boys of the seventh and eighth grades of the Detroit Public Schools were invited by the Federation to see the film of *The Boy and the Law*. Twenty-five hundred tickets were issued and at every performance, daily at four o'clock at the Grand Circus Theatre, Judge Brown spoke to from four to six hundred boys, many more attending than there were tickets for. It was a splendid opportunity to impress the need of obeying the laws of government and met with an enthusiastic response.

The Annual Luncheon was held at the Hotel Cadillac, Saturday, Feb. 21st, preceded by a reception. After the delicious luncheon, Mrs. Boynton, first president of the Federation and a guest of honor, was presented with a basket of spring flowers. She responded in a happy manner and in turn presented our President, Mrs. Ashbaugh with a basket of flowers laden with messages of love, also a beautiful ivory and gold gavel in the name of the members of the Board and the Chairmen of Committees, as a token of their love and sincere appreciation of her splendid leadership.

Other honored guests were introduced by our President, after which Mrs. Maurice MacFarlane delighted the guests present with her Cadman songs, singing the well known "The Years' at the Spring," by Mrs. Beach as an encore.

Mrs. Laura H. Williams interpreted the play "Strife" by John Galsworthy with great power and responded graciously to several encores.

Members of the Federation were plunged into sorrow with the news of the passing of their beloved 2nd Vice-President, Miss Bella Goldman, March 18th. Her death came as a distinct shock and the resolutions drawn show in what high esteem, honor and love Miss Goldman was held by everyone who knew her.

The year 1913-14 has been full of interest and the activities of the various departments a constant source of wonderment to your secretary. Much has been accomplished during the year which is embodied in the committee chairmen's reports and the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs may well be looked upon as a power for good.

A prime factor in the remarkable growth of the work in the Federation has been the

unfailing support of the members of the Board to the Chairmen of Committees, endorsing their work, their recommendations and resolutions with almost a singleness of purpose, and again the loyalty of the Board to our President, Mrs. Ashbaugh, in her untiring work as Director, as Magazine Editor, as Chairman of Building Committee, co-operating with her in every way possible and approving unanimously of her plans whereby the work of the Federation might be enlarged or improved.

She has been, indeed, the well-spring of its success and while it is not within my special province (in the one report allotted a secretary) to give praise where praise is due, I feel that one more tribute is not amiss to one

whom we all admire for the splendid work accomplished during her administration.

I am indeed grateful for the honor of having been the Recording Secretary of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs. For two years it has been my privilege to keep in magic touch with the workings of a great amalgamated club and in retiring permit me to express my deep and sincere appreciation of your trust in me and of the pleasure the office has given with its wealth of experience and responsibility and memorable delightful meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. AINSWORTH,
Recording Secretary.

A WORD OF PARTING.

TWO years ago we began the last part of a journey together—a journey even then extending over four years. The first two years were, on my part, years of work as a Board member; the second two were years of service as your first vice-president and the editor of your magazine; the third, and last two years, those of devotion to your interests and of labor for the advancement of the ideals which we were striving to realize, as your president.

Coming to this office, following after a long line of presidents whose achievements had been many, I came with the belief that each succeeding year must find our forces increased, our workers more numerous, our enthusiasms larger, our thought and efforts more vital. Together we have realized that the work must always broaden, becoming farther reaching in effect upon civilization, individual, city and state. To that end new departments of work were created and new organizations effected that we believed could more effectually carry on some lines of work than could a committee, but working in harmony with the committee that mothered the organization.

The Public Health Committee organized the Detroit Public Health League, realizing that a movement for public health work needed the assistance of men. The officials of the Board of Health and many physicians were invited to become members. It has done

a splendid work under the direction of Mrs. George Fraser, chairman of our Department of Public Health and president of the League. Our department has organized Mothers' Clubs in some of the schools, giving lectures on public health as well as other entertainments.

The second outside organization effected was that of the Housewives' League, which has promoted all work pertaining to the betterment of conditions of the home, the chairman of our Home Economics Department, Mrs. Alfred O. Dunk, serving as president of the League. Much investigation of unsanitary shop conditions has been made and many serious conditions remedied.

The third outside organization has just been completed, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Rescue Department of the Salvation Army, the outcome of the growing desire upon the part of women to assist those whose ways of life have not led them to peace and happiness. This organization will be under the supervision of the Board of Directors until fall.

These activities prove the claim that it is the women organized for effective service who have the larger vision of the needs of the city and who go out to meet those needs in various ways.

The chairmen of the different departments have all given splendid service and have accomplished many good results. Such com-

mittees as have reported at the Board meetings have shown a great interest in and enthusiasm for their work. The Civic, Free Lecture, Conservation, Child Welfare, Public Health, Home Economics, and Animal Welfare have given excellent monthly reports of work accomplished. The Junior Civic League work was delayed until toward spring, but has culminated in a fine parade in connection with the Public Health League. This is an important work, making for character, and as it develops into permanency will instill patriotism and civic pride, justice and kindness in the hearts of our future citizens. A part of the parade on Belle Isle, on Children's Day last summer, was given by the city authorities to the Junior Civic Leaguers, thus recognizing the value of the league.

While the chairman of the Public Bath and Playground Committee has not reported at the monthly Board meetings, she has given interesting resumé of recreation work in Detroit at the November and January Federation meetings.

At the January meeting, Mrs. Arthur presented a resolution, which was adopted, that authorized the secretary to request the Police Commissioner to include in his budget an appropriation for police-women in Detroit. The Commissioner acceded to this request, but the appropriation was cut by the Board of Estimates until but one woman can be appointed.

Efforts have been made by your president and chairman to secure a playground at the Clara Bath House. While this particular site is not available, there are several other sites, one or all of which will be granted almost immediately.

At the request of your president, the Recreation Commission has been increased in number so that five will be appointed by the mayor instead of two. The amendment providing for this Commission will be submitted for adoption probably in August, when, being adopted, the entire Recreation system of Detroit will pass into its hands.

The question of the power of organized womanhood is no longer discussed. It is admitted to be one of the potent factors in welfare work.

Possibly never in the history of the Federation have we had greater evidence of this recognition upon the part of the city fathers than we have gained this year. Men as

well as women are realizing the need of co-operation in respect to the many serious civic problems that confront us. Welfare work will probably always be a compromise between what we desire shall be and what can be, but as long as the men recognize the greatness of the woman vision, and strive to fulfill it, the balance will tend ever toward the realization of our desires.

Two years ago, when Mrs. George Caron, then president, undertook to secure a club house for the Federation it did not seem that it would ever be more than a dream. Now, because of the interest of Mr. John Dodge in women's work, the club house is an actuality. The work upon the auditorium will be begun at once and next fall will see us settled in our own home. I had hoped that many of the things for the enlargement of our activities that have lain in my heart waiting for opportunity to be done, might be brought to fruition during the year just closing. But now the way is opening and the future holds for us wonderful possibilities of accomplishment. The thought of these things I have so desired is a living thought and shall not return to me void, but shall come rich with the harvest of future work to the honor of the Federation.

The work of the future lies in capable, strong hands. The officers for the ensuing year come with new energy to the work, prepared to build wisely on the present strong foundation. They come to the first year of activity in our own club house, aided by a treasury containing \$2,200.00, and supported by the knowledge of the sincere loyalty of every club and club woman. Big things are ahead of us and big women will make them possible. Criticism condemns only the critic and stamps ineradicably her who criticizes as a would-be destroyer of endeavor, condemned before all loyalists by the words of her mouth. The only force that counts today is the constructive force, the upbuilder of effort and supporter of truth.

Again it is my happiness to leave with you as my last word as president my sincere appreciation of the personal devotion and the depth of love you have shown was in your hearts for me. A greater joy you could not have given me. And now—God be with us till we meet again.

DELPHINE D. ASHBAUGH,
Retiring President.



MRS. W. R. ALVORD, The Incoming President of The Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs

Greeting From The New President

DEAR Club Members:

To follow an administration so successful as the one just closing is no easy task, yet that is the task you have asked me to assume.

Courage for this undertaking comes to me, because of the confidence I have in you splendid club women of Detroit.

Together we shall work for civic betterment, for the welfare of children, for the conservation of the resources of our state and nation.

Together we shall make careful and thoughtful study of the conditions we are attempting to improve, of the measures we advocate. We shall make our investigations so thorough that we shall never be open to the criticism of hysterically rushing in where, not angels, but men fear to tread.

Together we shall try to achieve what we agree to do. The millennium will have arrived in club work when each woman feels

really responsible for the work she has promised to do. Let us hasten that millennium.

Last, and best of all, together we shall come into possession of a beautiful home of our own. It seems almost too good to be true. It will inspire us all to give our best efforts to this great Federation work.

We shall be so proud to possess this home that every one of us will subscribe for this excellent magazine, that we may have an income to maintain our home properly. It will be a privilege, not a duty.

So let us look forward to a busy, happy year, a year of old friendships strengthened, new friendships formed.

May the long summer days bring to each of you rest and happiness, and to make some perfect summer day more perfect, will you not read Van Dyke's "God of the Open Air"?

Most cordially yours,
EDITH V. ALVORD.

Parliamentary Usage

BY MRS. EMMA A. FOX.

XXIV.

QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED.

Question. Can an informal ballot ever be made formal?

Answer. An informal ballot is only a nominating ballot and a motion to make it formal should not be entertained. To avoid balloting the second time a motion may be made before the informal ballot is taken, to the effect that if on the informal ballot one person receives a majority of all votes cast, he shall be declared elected.

Q. What is meant by a "casting vote"?

A. That is the term given to the vote cast by the president when the votes of the members are equally divided.

Q. What is cumulative voting?

A. Cumulative voting is that system by which each elector can give to one candidate as many votes as there are persons to be elected to a given office or can distribute them as he pleases. It is used to some extent in Great Britain and is allowable in certain kinds of stock companies in some of the states. It can never be used except by special enactment.

Q. Is it necessary for a society to have both constitution and by-laws?

A. It seems desirable, though not absolutely necessary. The constitution is the written instrument embodying the fundamental rules and principles of the organization. The by-laws are additional rules subsidiary to the provisions of the constitution, and relate rather to matters of detail. A charter, constitution or by-laws, by whatever name called, constitute articles of agreement which form a contract by which members are bound together.

Q. Should delegates and alternates be elected by ballot?

A. It is the only way of securing absolute freedom of expression.

Q. Should delegates and alternates be elected on one ticket?

A. It saves time to elect delegates and alternates on one ticket.

Q. Is a majority vote necessary to elect?

A. Yes, unless a special rule makes other provision. A motion that has been used with success in one club for many years is as follows: I move that the club proceed to elect four delegates and four alternates to the

State Federation and that the four members receiving the highest number of votes be delegates and the four receiving the next highest number be alternates; that in case of a tie the choice be decided by lot and that the president be and is hereby authorized to fill all vacancies.

If this motion is adopted there is only one vote taken, as it provides for election by plurality vote.

Q. Should delegates be instructed?

A. That is a question of judgment and depends very largely upon circumstances. It is generally unwise to place delegates in a position where they are not at liberty to exercise their own judgment after hearing questions discussed, but no general rule could be safely laid down on that subject.

Q. What does the motion for the previous question mean?

A. "Previous question" must be regarded as a technical term which must be accepted because it is in common use. Its object is to close debate, and the word "previous" should not be understood as meaning a question that has been previously made.

Q. Should the secretary mention corrections made to the minutes?

A. Minor corrections about which there is no difference of opinion need not be mentioned. Neither need the secretary say in that case that the minutes were approved as corrected. If a correction is of such a character that a motion is made and a vote taken upon it, such motion and vote would, of course, be recorded in the minutes of the meeting where it occurred.

Q. If a motion contains two or more parts, each independent of the other, may the motion be divided and each part voted upon separately, even if in one part the subject is not expressed, but clearly implied?

A. In stating the different parts as they come to a vote in turn, the presiding officer may supply the subject or the predicate.

Questions will be answered in *THE CLUB WOMAN* free of charge and by mail for a reasonable compensation. Address all communications to Mrs. Emma A. Fox, The Donaldson, Detroit, Michigan.

The Modern Drama

By DELPHINE D. ASHBAUGH

THE tendencies of the time are brought to public notice largely by our dramatists, who create a moving picture of life as it is in which we behold our foibles, our frailties, and possibly also our virtues. It is often a question whether this self-recognition is applied or, even so, is effective.

Nevertheless the drama is the most up-to-date method of teaching us by visual illustration something of the forces against which the world kicks.

Conditions of life in America enlarged so rapidly, that we became entangled in the complexities of this luxurious century, which complexities affect not only our daily labors, but our recreations. Therefore the public came to demand that stage effects should be magnificent to garishness.

The play was the thing, but a play that was arranged in the latest fashion, set elaborately, brilliant in action and advertised throughout the country as having cost at least a hundred and fifty thousand to produce. The manager and the public worshipped the golden idol rapturously until one day there swept over the country an occult wave of reaction and press and pulpit asked what was wrong with our theatres, and what was wrong with the public?

The ear of the dramatist is keen to hear. Intuitively he senses the need of the time and bestirs himself to point his moral while adorning his tale, although he probably thereby loses his chance of success.

It might be interesting to know how few plays ever go beyond the reader. A statement made by a well known play reader may be taken as typical of the experience of others. Out of two hundred and twenty plays only eight were sufficiently good to be sent to the manager for personal inspection; of those eight there were but two that were thought good and both were by well known men of letters. Of these two, one, the better one, was rejected because no actor could be found who was fitted to take the leading part. The other was staged and failed.

The lack of actors of ability recalls that

there is today a tendency to restore the old time stock company as in the Little Theatre, and also in Boston. The movement is supported by many prominent actors and actresses, who hold that until this is done there will not be proper opportunity for learning the profession, that this lack has caused the dearth of great actors in this generation, those who stand foremost, having, with but few exceptions, been trained in a stock company.

It is to the influence of Nietzsche and Ibsen, and of Bernard Shaw, who was so powerfully affected by them, that realism has been the potent factor in modern drama, and yet American realism is entirely different from Ibsen realism. We have interpreted it in our own way, commercialized it, brutalized it, so some say.

Since every nation's salvation must be worked out according to its individual requirements, possibly the great awakening that is now taking place could not have been brought about otherwise. The realistic drama is a most powerful factor in bringing home to men the realization of conditions among the less fortunate, of what they must strive against, poverty, starvation and inhuman housing conditions.

Again, the modern drama is based upon man's own internal struggle, the strife of his own elemental forces. It no longer concerns itself so much with the effect of externals upon the soul as with the struggle of the soul and its effect upon externals. More and more we develop the introspective. We study the cause within that produces the effect without, and it is because of this that such plays as Kennedy's "The Servant in the House" and "The Terrible Meek," and "As a Man Thinks," Thomas' "The Witching Hour," Burnett's "The Dawn of Tomorrow" and Jerome's "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," have been so successful.

The American public needs both kinds of plays. Those dealing with the realities of life, from which we learn the great necessity of an individual responsibility, that

physical conditions of the submerged tenth may be altered, and the plays that endeavor to impress upon us so much more forcibly than can any voice in the pulpit, the fact that we are our brother's keeper and that it is not hate, enviousness, indifference that must rule the world but friendly interest and helpfulness. It is true often that the development is inadequate to the theme, but in the criticisms that may be made because some scenes may tend to sensationalism, we must remember that probably the play grips and holds and drives home the great message because of this fact. That it is just that which thrills the audience and convinces those who came to sneer and scoff that after all there is all about a great eternal force that we forget because we are so wrapped up in the pettiness of life.

The intense interest in everything occult is shown by the public attitude toward such plays as Hichen's "The Case of Becky," dramatized by Belasco, and "The Return of Peter Grim" and the fact of our increasing appreciation of the poetical and beautiful by the delight in those fantasies of symbolism, "Peter Pan," "Chanticleer," "The Blue Bird" and of "The Piper" and the modern morality play "Everywoman." Critics may scorn the last play as they please, the fact remains that the public conscience is being awakened, and because of that such a play is arousing everywhere a sense of the extremities of disaster toward which the race is rapidly tending. The moral trend of part of the drama produced on the American stage is unquestionable, whether it comes from those dramatists devoted to realism, who appeal to our rational sense of justice or from those who appeal more directly through our emotions to the higher self.

One of the youngest New York managers advances the opinion that New York is tired of flippancy and is ready to receive again the religious drama of a vanished past; that it is ready to see the soul rise over the wanton flesh and his reason is, the public's demand as expressed in box office receipts for drama, strong, moral and clean. There have been so many clean plays in the last few years that have been produced before crowded houses. "The Music Master," "Strongheart," "Man of the Hour," "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Movers," to name some of the older

plays. There have been three devoted to women that have helped clear the atmosphere surrounding the business girl, "The Chorus Lady," "Maggie Pepper," a story of a sales girl, and "The Woman," devoted to the telephone girl, that rank among those which count progress toward better and cleaner drama.

Rachel Crother's "A Man's World" ranks among these as does also Buchanan's "The Cub," revealing humor and originality. There is perhaps nothing that stands out distinctly marking it as the one great play, but there is a general upward tendency that is most encouraging. There are critics who place Mr. Thomas in a class by himself as the leading dramatic writer.

Mr. Clayton Hamilton defines the difference between a playwright and a dramatist: a playwright as a man who writes entertaining and successful plays; the dramatist is a playwright who teaches while he entertains, who adds to the sum total of rational thought by envolving, formulating and expounding truths which have lain latent in the national consciousness. He must be not an artist only, but a seer also—not a follower merely, but a leader as well. He must master the stage as a medium of expression and he must use it to express ideas. He adds that while "there is yet no second to Mr. Thomas, there are many who are bestirring themselves like the children in that majestic kingdom of the future, of whom we are told in 'The Blue Bird' 'toiling toward great things that are to be done after time has ferried them across the void to the years that are to be.'"

This is a promise for the future. That the younger playwrights give freshness and vividness to their work, and with experience bringing ripeness of thought, largeness of vision, and the knowledge of life that living alone can teach, they shall come to their chosen work with an earnestness of desire to be that voice crying in the wilderness, that voice which shall lead those still farther in the future to follow, that the uplift for the modern drama to beauty of language, to power and purpose shall be an accomplished fact, and that through it, the recreation of the people may be an incentive to sincerity and to a revelation of the knowledge that we and our brothers are but one.

BOOK NEWS.

"Mid Stream" is the title of the last book by Will Levington Comfort. Published by Doran, New York. One is at a loss to catalogue so remarkable a book. It lays no claim to fiction; indeed, it is the antithesis of that. To call it an autobiography is to attach a trite characterization to a book that belongs with the pathfinders of the literary world. "Mid Stream" indicates the thirty-five years of Mr. Comfort's life. Beginning with the first memories of the child, these years are handled with an impersonality and sincerity of candor that is startling. The extraordinary psychological study of a lonely child, peculiarly sensitive to mental atmosphere, is unique in the world's work. The chapters of young manhood hold all the problems of the world. Those of war and adventure are teeming with vitality and interest. One is swept away with the graphic portrayal of life as he saw it in those years. The chapter on work, the exquisite bit of peace that Mr. Comfort calls "summer," and the legitimate finale in his masterpiece, "The World Man," form a strangely progressive story. Throughout the entire book, one sees the latent

poetry and conviction that have given Mr. Comfort his place in the literary world. It is the story of a man daring to treat himself as another might, if he knew all the motives and circumstances of life. Superbly unconscious and in the most intimate phases is entirely free from any taint of exploitation. "Mid Stream" is not a book that will be ignored. From first to last it holds compelling force that is thought-producing. In literature it is a unique experiment. Marie Bashkirtseff began such an effort, but the environments of her life and her lack of spiritual development left it crudely unfinished. Her last note is egotism and pessimism. Mr. Comfort closes with an essay of supreme spiritual understanding and joyful self-forgetfulness. Undoubtedly it is because the man had found his answer in this last realization, that all the years of question could bear recording. One may like or dislike the book, but as well try to deny gravitation as to refuse to recognize the forces at work in such a recital. It is a bit of divine judgment transferred to the human plane, wherein the man as he is, can understand the man as he was.

MARY ANTIN.

Out of the depths of poverty and woe;
Up from black superstition's wildest dreams;
Haggard with want, bewilderment, and, oh,
What multitude of ills! Hopeless it seems.

We see her torn with longings to be free
And striving to maintain that Russian home.
A girl, with woman's tense anxiety,
She sought America's friendly dome.

She thought that we would stand with outstretched arms
To welcome her and all her shawl-clad kin.
How great the pity! Here she found but new alarms;
Bleak Ellis Island, Ghetto, and the streets of sin.

But like a rose seed fall'n among the thorns,
She sprang forth upright, beautiful and strong,
For she possessed that grace which best adorns—
To her all's right because she knows no wrong.

—Franc M. Nichols.

Note by Editor—In the prize poem contest by the Women Writers' Club, this poem was given the prize.

The Bi-ennial Convention Chicago June 9-17

THE Council meeting will be held in Chicago Wednesday, June 10th.

How many know just what this Council meeting is? The Council is a smaller body than the convention, and its sessions are more intimate than those of the greater body can be. The president of every club in the General Federation is a member of the Council. So are state presidents and General Federation state secretaries and, of course, the General Federation's Board of Directors and chairmen of departments of work. The Council will meet on the morning of June 10th. Another session of the Council will be held after the close of the convention.

The interests of the General Federation are brought before the Council and full opportunity is given for that general discussion which we always crave and which has become almost impossible in the great convention. The women who are actively engaged in club work tell us they always derive great pleasure and benefit from these meetings. But, whatever is your rank as a club woman, you may attend, for there will be no doorkeeper demanding proof that you are a qualified member of the body, and you will be welcome. So, come to the Council meeting on Wednesday morning and get into the spirit of the great occasion before the opening of the convention proper.

Friday, June 12, is the first day set aside for department work and it will be Education Day. The report of Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, of California, national chairman of the department, will cover the educational work done by the clubs of all the State Federations and also that done by the special committees of that department on Peace, Political Science, Social Hygiene and Vocational Guidance. Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, principal of the Chicago public schools, will follow with the principal address, her topic being Education in a Democracy. The Education Department is highly organized and the chairman of each sub-department will conduct in turn at the afternoon meeting, each presenting one strong speaker as an expert leader of discussion on vital questions relating to the committee work.

The subject of Peace will be in charge of

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles, California, who for four years was first vice president of the General Federation. The Political Science portion of the conference will be conducted by Helen Varick Boswell, of New York City, with the general subject, Preparation for Citizenship. It was Miss Boswell who was chosen by the United States government to go to the Canal Zone and organize women's clubs there as a needed element in socially constructive conditions.

A discussion of importance will be that on the vexed question of Social Hygiene and instruction concerning it in normal schools. The discussion will be led by President William B. Owen, of the Chicago Normal, who is chairman of the committee on the subject which was appointed by the president of the National Education Association to prepare plans and outlines for normal course. Mrs. Maggie W. Barry will preside and discuss the progress of the work which she has conducted for four years.

Vocational Training and Guidance will be the subject of the discussion presided over by Mrs. C. P. Barnes and led by Prof. Frank M. Leavitt, president of the National Vocational Guidance Association. Many clubs and state federations have been concentrating their attention on this urgent problem affecting the welfare of millions of children. At times during the convention there will be informal round tables for the general discussion of matters that come under the Education Department.

At the general session on the evening of Education Day there will be an address on Political Science and one on Peace. Mrs. Barnum, head of the Education Department, has recently been appointed special collaborator in the United States Bureau of Education by Hon. C. C. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, because of the close affiliation of club women throughout the country with educational interests. The programs of general meetings and conferences are coming in from time to time and will be circulated through the newspapers of the country as well as in club magazines.

Further word of the Conservation program has come. In addition to the report of the national chairman of the department and the address by Gifford Pinchot, mentioned in a previous article, there will be an afternoon conference under the direction of Mrs. Crocker. In ten minute talks Mrs. Lovell White, of San Francisco, will speak on Forestry; Mrs. A. L. Christie, of Butte, Montana, on Conservation in general; Miss Myra L. Dock, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, on Tree Nursery Work; Mrs. May Riley Smith on Conservation of Birds; and Mrs. Lydia Adams Williams of Washington, D. C., on the Forest Service. Each state chairman of Conservation has also been invited to speak for two minutes concerning her work or on some conservation subject in which she is especially interested.

Queries have come concerning the kind of dress one will need in Chicago in June. Chicago never promises anything as to weather. The delegates and visiting club members should have both light weight and heavier weight clothing. It was asked if there would be occasion for evening dress. The entire convention, delegates and visiting club members, are to be entertained at a big reception in the Art Institute on the evening of June 11th. Evening gowns can be appropriately worn, yet a guest in street costume will be just as heartily welcomed. Club women are rated not by dress, but by their appreciative understanding of and co-operation with the Federation work in all its plans and purposes. A past state president was once asked a question concerning dress by a member who said that she could meet the expenses of the trip to the convention if she did not have to supply a new wardrobe. Let there be no hesitation on the part of dress. Chicago bids every club woman a hearty, cordial welcome.

It is pleasing to note the growth in General Federation membership. Much of this is attributable to the efforts of Mrs. Frank White, national chairman of membership, who has been untiring, her labors proving splendidly resultant.

Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath, of Ohio, second vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who is in charge of the program for the Biennial convention to be held in Chicago, June 9-18, has been work-

ing daily for the past six months, and her labors will not be over till the last session shall have been concluded—for one never knows what unforeseen event may occur to interfere with the carrying out of the best-laid plans for such an occasion.

Mrs. Sneath is in constant communication with Mrs. Pennybacker, president of the Federation, with the various heads of departments of work, under whose auspices certain sessions are to be held, and with speakers who are to appear on the program. Mrs. Sneath is a beautiful woman with snow-white hair and a pleasant smile, who, when asked if her work were not trying, replied: "I have found the preparation of the program a most delightful task, made so by the willingness and unanimity of purpose with which all have endeavored to carry out plans proposed. My one regret has been the lack of funds, emphasizing again the absolute necessity of the Endowment.

"As to the program, the plan is to present two or three departments each day by a report or address from the chairmen, and to have these emphasized by one or more expert or inspirational addresses, given in the forenoon or evening of the same day, with a well-planned conference in the afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. It is our aim to stress these conferences as never before, making the conference platform a place where the club woman can bring the problem which confronts her club or her community, and there get a solution. In this way we have been ably seconded by the local board, who have placed at our disposal many and commodious conference rooms."

In reply to our question as to the time to be occupied by the Biennial, Mrs. Sneath said: "The entire program of the Twelfth Biennial is to be presented in one week of working days, which gives from two to three days less time than has been consumed at former meetings. This shortening of time, especially in view of the two new subdivisions of Peace and Political Science, makes it necessary to plan most carefully so that the work of each department may be fairly set forth and yet avoid the tension and high pressure which brings weariness."

Especially attractive features to which Mrs. Sneath called attention will be the

City Welfare and Vocational Training Exhibits, both representing lines of activity in which women are increasingly interested. The Art features are to be particularly fine, Chicago offering unusual facilities in this field.

The fact that both Mrs. Ella Flagg Young and Miss Jane Addams are to appear on the program, of course, adds to its dignity and importance. The names of Helen Varick Boswell, head of the Political Science Committee, and Zona Gale, head of the Civics Department, are two others to conjure with. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Suffrage Association, will deliver an address at the Educational conference on "The World Progress of Women," and other speakers, men and women, of national renown, will be announced later.

The memorial services for Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, fifth president of the General Federation; Mrs. H. C. White, of Georgia; Mrs. E. L. Buchwalter, of Ohio, and Mrs. Owen Wister, of Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, June 14th, promise to be beautiful and impressive, with music in charge of Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, of Cincinnati, head of the Music department.

State Presidents' Evening, always a unique feature, will be rendered especially interesting this year by reason of the fact that Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, second president of the Federation, will deliver an address at the close, this being in the nature of a resume of the achievements of this organization of more than a million women, whose motto is to make better homes, better communities, and, as a necessary result, better men and women. That club women all over the country appreciate the significance of their movement and of the approaching Biennial is manifested by the hundreds of letters received by Mrs. Sneath and by the local Biennial Board in Chicago, letters of inquiry and of eager interest in all the plans. Never before have there been anything like the number of hotel reservations so long in advance that are reported from Chicago at this time, and it is estimated that at least ten thousand women will be in attendance

CONFERENCE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT CHICAGO BI-ENNIAL.

MRS. PENNYBACKER'S VISIT TO NASHVILLE.

A great impetus was given to club work in Nashville, Tennessee, by Mrs. Pennybacker's inspiring address before the Centennial Club on Monday, May 4th.

Her visit was entirely unofficial, merely stopping over with Mrs. Crockett for the Sunday between the Arkansas and North Carolina State Federation meetings, but the Nashville women heard of her presence and persuaded her to talk at the club on her way to the station Monday morning.

She spoke in her usual convincing fashion and was very gracious in her expressions concerning the work of the General Federation Health Department.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Chicago Bi-ennial, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Auditorium Theater

June 15th, 1914, 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. S. S. Crockett, Chairman,
Mrs. O. G. Ellis, Vice-Chairman,
Dr. R. S. Yarros, Chmn. Social Hygiene,
Mrs. E. P. Quain, Chmn. Tuberculosis,
Mrs. Lafon Riker, Chmn. Child Hygiene.
Department Greeting—Mrs. Francis D. Everett, Board Member, Public Health Dept.

The Value of the Visiting Nurse—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Past President, G. F. W. C.

The Fundamental Right of Childhood—Miss Julia C. Lathrop, Chief of Federal Children's Bureau.

Children's Conferences—Dr. Frances Sage Bradley, Atlanta, Ga.

Opportunity of Women's Clubs in Prevention of Tuberculosis—Dr. Chas. S. Rockhill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A Tuberculosis Survey—Dr. Mary G. McEwen, Member Advisory Board, Public Health Department.

The Value of the Marriage Certificate—Dean Walter T. Sumner, Chicago.

Social Purity Teaching in High Schools—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Supt. Public Schools, Chicago.

Woman's Part in Public Health Work, as Demonstrated in New York—Mrs. Elmer Blair, member Public Health Council, N. Y. State.

Discussion: "What Have We Done With the San Francisco Resolutions?"

N. B.—Public Health Headquarters and Exhibit throughout the week at The Auditorium Grand Opera Chorus Room. Informal Conferences on Public Health subjects, on June 12, 13, 16, 17, in adjoining room, No. 142, of the Auditorium Hotel. See Bulletin Boards for important Health Department announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health Department Headquarters.

Headquarters for Public Health Department will be the Grand Opera Chorus Room of the Auditorium.

All Bi-ennial delegates and visitors interested in promoting health work through clubs, are invited to make this conveniently located and comfortably equipped room a rendezvous, and to register there early in the convention week, leaving home and local addresses.

A small Health Exhibit will be in this room, and informal conferences of health workers will be held in an adjoining room on June 12, 13, 16 and 17th.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT DINNER.

The Chicago Medical Woman's Club has arranged a dinner on the evening of June 15th, in the room of the College Women's Club, for the Health Department, at which distinguished speakers on health subjects will be their guests.

Covers will be laid for one hundred and tickets may be secured at the headquarters.

LUNCHEONS.

Each day fifty-cent Table d'Hôte luncheons will be served in the College Women's Club for the Health Department and their friends. This is under the same roof with the headquarters.

On Monday morning, June 15th, at 11:00 o'clock, Mrs. Crockett will give a report for the Health Department, and will introduce the distinguished speaker who has consented to give the address before the Biennial—Dr. Chas. P. Emerson, Dean of the Medical Department, University of Indiana. Dr. Emerson's subject will be, "The New Public Health," and all who know him or his reputation are prepared to expect an address full of information and inspiration.

AN APPEAL TO THE WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

The time is ripe for the women of America to take some concerted action for peace. The terrible results of war fall heavily upon women. They are the great sufferers. No true mother desires to bear and rear sons for the horrors of the battlefield.

Recently two great Apostles of Peace—Count Apponyi of Hungary and Baron de Constant of France—have come across the Atlantic, bearing the same message, to urge the United States Government to take the initiative in securing permanent international concord and peace.

Count Apponyi said in one of his addresses: "When you settled in this country you left behind you all the traditions of the Old World which were burdensome. Its animosities, its antagonisms, its hatreds you carried not with you. This fortunate situation lays a great responsibility upon you. We appeal to you for assistance to do away with the hateful legacy of hatred between men who ought to be brethren. This is the object of my mission to America."

What we need to do, what we, the women of this country, must do is to crystallize the deep and strong peace sentiment so universal in our land into a positive, active, enthusiastic force that will make it triumphant and forever put an end to militarism and war.

How can this be done? We have the example of the two South American republics—Chili and Argentina, which settled their boundary dispute of seventy years' standing by arbitration. Led by their motherly women, they erected the Statue of Christ, moulded from their cannon on their Andean boundary. Thus their swords were literally beaten into the plough shares of Peace. The hatred and animosity which existed so long between these two nations have entirely disappeared and in their place the most friendly relations exist.

Let us, the women of this country, join hands to secure a colossal Statue of Peace at the entrance of the Panama Canal. Forts at the entrance of this canal would place our country in the rear of our twentieth century civilization, a humiliating denial of our Christian profession, as followers of the Prince of Peace, and a disgraceful contrast to our "Liberty Enlightening the World,"

which greets all who reach our Eastern shore. Such a statue would be a fitting memorial of the world-wide treaty inaugurated by the United States, which we are assured will soon be ratified by England, Japan and the Continental European Powers, and a prophecy of the age to be when

"The war-drum throbs no longer, and all battle flags are furled

In the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

Dear sisters, rise bravely as one to the height of your superb opportunities and duty and justify our incomparable faith that all things are possible to organized womanhood united in aim and purpose.

THOUGHT-GOADS OF GENIUS.

Extraneous aids to literary production, as we find them adopted by various celebrated authors, often provoke a smile of amusement, so very like to solemn fooling do they seem. Dickens is said to have sought inspiration from a number of quaint little bronze figures that he kept on his writing table. Ibsen maintained a similar company of puppets. Bulwer Lytton had to clothe himself in fine array before the muse would visit him, whereas Mr. Thomas Hardy is reported as finding the removal of footgear conducive to a free flow of ideas. The Hungarian novelist Jokai was reduced to sterility and despair whenever his supply of violet ink gave out, and all the world knows that the philosopher Kant was so troubled when the trees grew to such a height as to hide an old tower on which he had been wont to fix his gaze in moods of metaphysical speculation, that he was forced to request the cutting away of the obstructive foliage. Malebranche, Hobbes, and Corneille required a penumbra for the incubation of their ideas, and were wont to darken their studies in the daytime. Zola also pulled down the blinds, but at the same time turned on the gas jets and flooded his room with artificial light, having in his struggling days been in the habit of writing far into the night, so that daylight had become dissociated with literary work. Richter, on the other hand, and Ouida wrote best in the radiance of the early morning sun and in the open air. Gray invoked the muse with a page or two of Spencer. Oliver Wendell Holmes needed

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to feel a pen in his hand, as a sort of conductor of ideas, before his verse or prose would flow. Miss Carolyn Wells had indicated the various kinds of candy that may be appropriately indulged in as a prelude to various kinds of literary effort. Dr. Johnson, while writing his dictionary, derived assistance from orange peel and tea, while the purring of a cat on his table was a further aid. Sheridan liked to have a bottle of good wine beside him as he wrote, and in this he was not peculiar; but he also required the stimulus of brilliant lights all about him. Douglas Jerrold tolerated no litter on his desk; all was immaculate there, his inkstand resting in a marble shell, and his little dog curled up at his feet. Sardou always wrote his plays first on little scraps of paper, then on foolscap. Milton and Warburton shared the same peculiarity, a fondness for organ strains as the best means to induce the mood for high literary endeavor. Buffon scorned all meretricious aids, his desk and chair and writing materials being the sole furnishings of his study. Thus it appears that the would-be great writer can hardly go wrong in choosing his method of work. Whatever oddity or commonplaceness he adopts, he is pretty sure to find distinguished precedent for his choice.—From *The Dial*.

Home Study Circle Queries

101. What famous author was known as "the wit who never wounded, the poet who ever charmed, the friend who never failed?"

102. Whom did Lowell apostrophize as "New birth of our new soil, the first American"?

103. Of whom did Daniel Webster say: "He conducted the electric spark of liberty from the new world to the old"?

104. To whom did Queen Anne refer as "the noblest knight who ever won his spurs in the field of science"?

105. Of what great king did Bolingbroke say: "He was the best actor of majesty that ever filled a throne"?

106. To what author did Tennyson thus allude:

"Victor in drama, victor in romance,
Cloud-weaver of phantasmal hopes and fears,
French of the French and lord of human tears"?

107. Whom did Pope call "the wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind"?

108. To what American traveler did Whittier thus refer:

"And one whose Arab face was tanned
By tropic sun and boreal frost,

So traveled there was scarce a land
Or people left him to exhaust"?

109. To what great navigator did Campbell refer in "The Pleasures of Hope":
"Launched with Iberia's pilot from the steep
To worlds unknown and isles beyond the deep"?

110. What king was the subject of the following mock epitaph:

"Here lies our mutton-eating king,
Whose word no man relies on;
He never said a foolish thing
And never did a wise one"?

111. Of whom did Goldsmith say:
"He cast off his friends as a huntsman his pack,

For he knew when he pleas'd he could
whistle them back"?

112. Of whom did Richard Steele say:
"To love her was a liberal education"?

ANSWERS.

86. Martin Luther. 87. John Howard Payne. 88. Benedict Arnold. 89. Themistocles. 90. Robert E. Lee. 91. Tycho Brahé. 92. Dumas. 93. Burke. 94. John Wycliffe's. 95. Andrew Jackson. 96. Homer. 97. "The Prince of India," by Lew Wallace. 98. Guido Petri. 99. Angelica Kauffman. 100. Nelson.

ART IN THE HOME.

Working along practical lines, Mr. John Cotton Dana, director of the Newark Public Library, organized a few years ago a "democratic" museum—what might be termed a circulating museum—which has just been put in operation; the idea being that it is not what a museum has in the way of a collection that gives value, but rather the use to which the collections are put and their availability as educational factors to the general public. The museum will have exhibits and demonstrations—free to the public—showing the comparative additions to the value of an article by making it merely useful and by making it beautiful. Oil paintings in a gallery have no such close relationship to the development of good taste and

refinement among people as the genius and skill that have gone into the adornment and perfecting of household objects; and doubtless in time oil paintings will be placed in proper relation with other objects in museums. In the Newark museum, for instance, there are now a number of vases, purchased, not because of their value or fame, but simply with a view of making a display to catch the public eye and increase a love of the beautiful. In Mr. Dana's opinion, the day is coming when it will be as much a matter of course to go to a museum and take away a reproduction of a famous painting or a beautiful work of sculpture to place in the home for a time as it is now to go to a library and take home the latest novel.—*The Outlook*.

GEMS FROM WENDELL PHILLIPS.

If God did not give women mind enough to vote, then you are brutes; for you say to her, "Madam, you have sense enough to earn your own living,—don't come to us!" You make her earn her own bread, and if she has sense enough to do that, she has sense enough to say whether Fernando Wood or Governor Morgan shall take one cent out of every hundred to pay for fire works.

Men say it would be very indelicate for women to go to the ballot-box or sit in the Legislature. Well, what would she see there? Why, she would see men. She sees men now. In "Cranford," that sweet little sketch by Mrs. Gaskell, one of the characters says, "I know these men,—my father was a man." I think every woman can say the same. She meets men now; she could meet nothing but men at the ballot-box; or, if she meets brutes, they ought not to be there.

We want to put ballots into the hands of women. We do not wait for women to ask for them. What proves most clearly woman's need of the ballot? Why, the very inertness and ignorance which the lack of it has caused her. Like all other injustice and slavery, its worst effect is that it weakens, degrades and darkens its victims, till they no longer realize the harm done them. Wasted on trifles, cramped by routine, lacking the stir and breadth which interest in great questions gives, many women grope or flutter on, ignorant of the real cause that saddens their life, burdens their toil, starves their nature, and sows their path with thorns. Those whom circumstances have lifted to broader views must not wait for her request before they open to woman the advantages by which they have profited so much.

That hideous problem of modern civilized life—prostitution—is born of orthodox scruples and aristocratic fastidiousness; born of that fastidious denial of the right of woman to choose her own work, and, like her brother, to satisfy her ambition, her love of luxury, her love of material gratifications, by fair wages for fair work. As long as you deny it, as long as the pulpit covers with its fastidious orthodoxy this question from the consideration of the public, it is but a concealed brothel, although it calls itself an orthodox pulpit.

Give men honest wages, and ninety-nine out of a hundred will disdain to steal. Give woman what the same labor gives to man, and ninety-nine out of one hundred will disdain to purchase it by vice.

Some say, "It will be a great injury to feminine delicacy and refinement for woman to mingle in business and politics." I am not careful to answer this objection. Of all such objections, on this and kindred subjects, I love to dispose in some such way as this: The broadest and most far-sighted intellect is utterly unable to foresee the ultimate consequences of any great social change. Ask yourself, on all such occasions, if there be any element of right and wrong in the question, any principle of clear natural justice that turns the scale. If so, take your part with the perfect and abstract right, and trust God to see that it shall prove the expedient.

The French Men's League for Women Suffrage, known as the "League of Electors," recently held its first annual meeting, and formulated plans for an active campaign throughout the nation. This League numbers among its members some of the most prominent men in France, including President Fallieres.

Newspapers in France are generally favorable to extending the municipal franchise to women and a majority of them make a feature of the woman suffrage department, giving a great deal of space to the question. The agitation has spread to the remotest regions, and the National Suffrage Association is conceded to be one of the most important organizations in France.

The club work of Detroit has suffered a distinct loss in the death of three prominent members, all interested in welfare work: Mrs. Oscar A. Janes, Mrs. Cora Pridgeon and Mrs. James P. Scranton.

Each gave her interest to the vital questions of the day and contributed largely of sacrificing service for the good of all. In sincere appreciation of their many efforts to make the way of life happier for those about them, the women of Detroit voice their sorrow at losing from their ranks these splendid co-workers.

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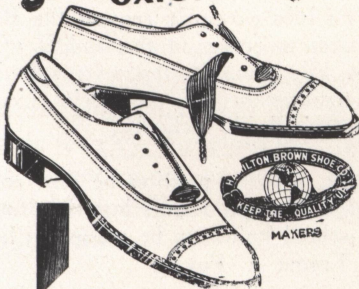
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THE HOME STUDY CLUB

The Home Study Club adopted for their program of work during 1913-14 the history of the development of sister arts, music, the drama, painting and sculpture. The papers for the year were apportioned under four general heads, each member of the Program Committee becoming personally responsible for one section. Mrs. Oscar M. Springer took charge of the music; Miss Annie Corkins, the drama; Mrs. W. E. Brownlee, the art division, and Mrs. F. M. Thompson, a continuation of the previous year's work on American literature.

Under the first head were given papers on the beginnings of musical history, the oratorio, the opera, the development of the orchestra, and the American composers. The second section took up the ancient and mediæval drama, the early and contemporary English dramatists and American plays and players. The third division covered the history of sculpture and the English and American sculptors. Mrs. Thompson's division reviewed the life and works of the foremost American writers.

Wherever possible, study has been aided and stimulated by pertinent illustration. The Victrola has proved of much value in the musical history study. Photographic reproduction of painting and sculptures; visits to galleries, studios and private art exhibitions have furthered the interests of the art department.

Through the courtesy of several Detroit gentlemen the club has been favored with authoritative instruction at first hand on special topics. Mr. Jules Rolshoven gave a studio talk to the club on the subject of his own works; Mr. Ward Macauley, an afternoon to the discussion of current literature. Mr. Charles Clark kindly repeated, for the benefit of the club, his personal memoirs of Robert Hopkins.

The social element in the club life has been especially pleasant. In January a reciprocity day was observed. Mrs. Williard N. Worcester, in behalf of the club, opened her home, at 51 Rowena St., for the reception of representatives from other clubs in the city. The annual Elizabeth J. Mera Day was observed, as usual, on November 10th. The entire day was given by the club to sewing for the Florence Crittenden Home, in memory of their dearly loved member, Mrs. Mera,

whose favorite charity it was. Mrs. William Blessed was hostess for the day. Luncheon was served. Afternoon tea has frequently made its appearance; a pleasant expression of the informality of meetings held in the homes of members. Soon, however, the practice of meeting in various places will, in all probability, be discontinued.

Upon the decease, during the year, of Miss Jennie Clements, one of the oldest members, the club received her testamentary evidence of deepest affection in the shape of a substantial legacy, the same to be devoted to the establishment, in the new Women's Club Building, of a permanent place of meeting for the Home Study Club.

At the annual election the full corps of officers were returned for service during 1914-15: Mrs. Oscar Mortimer Springer, president; Mrs. W. E. Brownlee, vice-president; Mrs. H. B. Loveland, recording secretary; Mrs. E. H. Eichelzer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. H. Russell, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. William W. Blessed, director. The topic of study for the new year is "The Greater America."

The following resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, April 24, 1914:

Whereas, The work of the Social Centers in connection with the Detroit Public Schools is believed by citizens generally to be a great factor in promoting the welfare of the youth of our city;

Resolved, That the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs earnestly request the Board of Estimates to retain in the budget of the Board of Education the estimate submitted for the maintenance of the Social Centers in the Detroit Public Schools.

Resolved, That a petition be sent to the Board of Education requesting that one of the new school buildings be named in honor of Mrs. Emma A. Fox.

The president and officers of the Federation greatly regretted the absence of the chairman of the Department of Public Bath and Playgrounds, Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, from the annual meeting. Mrs. Arthur has not been well since her return from the east and was not able to be present because of a severe cold.

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liams, of Lapeer, received early in May shows
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igan as our part of this fund, a little less
than \$2,500.00 has been paid. Of this sum
Detroit has contributed \$677.75, of which a
few pledges remain unpaid. In addition to
this sum an effort is being made to secure
pledges for the several hundred dollars still
needed to place Mrs. Emma A. Fox and
Miss Clara Avery on the Founders' Roll.

The amount \$50.00 pledged from clubs
not belonging to the State Federation has
been nearly doubled.

The money needed to place Michigan
toward the top in the gradation of states
should be given by us at once. It is only
a few weeks to the date of the Biennial Con-
vention—June 9-18, in Chicago, when the
president of Michigan must report the sum
of money *paid* upon the \$4,000.00 appor-
tioned. Many states have already completed
their apportionment and many more will do
so before June. *Let us all work for Mich-
igan.*

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Federation the following request was sent to the Board of Education:

The Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs requests the Board of Education to make cooking with laboratory work, mandatory in the 9th grade, in all high schools of the city, to all girl students, except those preparing for college, and that enough hours of credit be given the work to put it on the same basis as the other sciences, thereby aiding, very materially, in fitting more girls for home-keeping.

It also asks that in the 10th grade a course in sewing or in the commercial department be made mandatory, with enough hours of credit given to count satisfactorily toward graduation.

Girl students preparing for college excepted on account of the many hours in academic work required of them.

The Federation also urges that the Cass Technical High School be equipped with a domestic science department for girls.

DETROIT NEW CENTURY CLUB.

The closing meeting of the Detroit New Century Club was held Monday, May 4. It was a social afternoon, but a short business session was held, necessary to elect a president to fill vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. W. R. Alvord, recently elected to the presidency of the Federation of Women's Clubs. It is with deep regret that our club loses its leader, and the kindest wishes from all go out with her in her new field of work and usefulness. She will give strength and energy to every new endeavor, and to the Federation we feel that we gave of our best.

Mrs. F. G. Ray was elected president. She served as chairman of the Philanthropic Committee for three successive years. Her marked success and enthusiasm in this branch of work assures us of a coming year of growth and progress. It has been said: "Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm."

Mrs. E. H. Wicks, in the name of the club, presented Mrs. Alvord with a basket of beautiful flowers and graciously outlined her career in the various lines of our club work.

Mrs. C. H. Brennan is chairman of the Program Committee for the coming year. There will be lectures that center around

woman's activities, psychology of the child, also on history, art, literature, social service and philanthropy.

Mrs. H. T. Johnson then introduced Miss Zoa Nichols, of the Noble Training School of Elocution. She delightfully entertained the ladies with many selections, among them, "The Flight of Emily," from David Copperfield, and "The Elopement."

Miss Esther Frayne Hayes gave two beautiful piano solos, namely, "Shepherd and Shepherdess," by Godard, and "Venetian Barcarolle," by Norcott.

The Social Committee served light refreshments, and thus passed a very pleasant afternoon.

MARY BELLE MCALPINE.

NORTHWESTERN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Annual Musicale of the Northwestern Woman's Club was held Monday, April 6, and was in charge of Mrs. T. C. Greenwood.

Mr. Archibald Jackson, baritone, sang a group of songs, the words and music being written by Mrs. Lutie McKee Rose: (a) "The Heart's Litany" (sacred M. S.); (b) "My Mother's Songs;" (c) "By the Sea at Night." Mrs. Rose accompanied Mr. Jackson. "Tod and Verklarung," a symphonic poem by R. Strauss, which told of death and transfiguration, was performed by Miss Margaret Mannebach, Mrs. M. D. Bentley, Miss Gertrude Richardson and Miss Marion Clark, and interpreted by Mrs. Clara Koehler-Heberlein. Mr. Henri Matheys, violinist, rendered several violin solos.

At the annual meeting held Monday, Apr. 20, the following officers were elected for the year of 1914-15, as follows: Mrs. F. J. Auringer, president; Mrs. J. C. Christian, first vice-president; Mrs. Wales C. Martindale, second vice-president; Mrs. Arthur J. Lacy, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. Murray, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Keenen, treasurer; Mrs. W. B. Gordon, Mrs. Anthony Pratt, Miss Elizabeth Matheeson, Mrs. F. E. Pilcher, directors.

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